

RESOLUTION OF THE
 NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' STANDING COMMITTEE
 24th NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL -- Fourth Year, 2022

AN ACTION RELATING TO NAABIK'ÍYÁTI' COMMITTEE; REQUESTING THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, NAVAJO REGION, DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF NAVAJO ROUTE N110 IN FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER (ARIZONA) FROM KIT CARSON ROAD TO PETE PRICE ROAD

WHEREAS:

- A. The Navajo Nation established the Naabik'íyáti' Committee as a Navajo Nation Council standing committee and as such empowered the Naabik'íyáti' Committee to review and continually monitor the programs and activities of federal and state departments and to assist development of such programs designed to serve the Navajo People and the Navajo Nation through intergovernmental relations between the Navajo Nation and such departments. 2 N.N.C. §§ 700(A) and 701(A) (7).
- B. The Bureau of Indian Affairs Navajo Route N110 located on the Navajo Nation in Fort Defiance Chapter (Arizona) is named for Christopher "Kit" Carson. Kit Carson, a colonel of the First New Mexico Volunteers, led a campaign and destructive war against the Navajo leading to the imprisonment of Diné from 1863 to 1868 in a concentration camp known to the Navajo as "Hwéeldi" in Bosque Redondo (Fort Sumner, New Mexico).
- C. Kit Carson and his troops terrorized the Navajo people by burning crops, destroying homes, and slaughtering and killing livestock. More than two-hundred Navajos died from adverse weather, illness, exhaustion, and the brutality of Carson and his troops on the "Long Walk," the forced march of over 300 miles of Navajos from their ancestral lands to Hwéeldi.
- D. The Navajo Nation objects to the use of Kit Carson's name to memorialize Navajo Route N110. Navajo Route N110 should not be named for an individual who caused such harm and suffering to the Navajo people.
- E. Navajo Route N110 should commemorate a respected, knowledgeable person who dedicated his life to learning Navajo ceremonies, preserving Navajo culture and practicing these ceremonies for the health and well-being of the Diné people. The Navajo Nation requests that Navajo Route N110 be named for Pete Price, also known as Hastiin Tsélbái and also known as Hastiin Łitso.


- F. Pete Price (Hastiin Tséłbáí, Hastiin Łitso) was born in Fort Defiance and was a survivor of the Long Walk period. His birth is recorded as 1868 in the records of Saint Michael's Mission. Stephen C. Jett, Pete Price Navajo Medicineman (1868-1951): A Brief Biography.
- G. He was very well known across Navajo land for his ability to perform many complex Diné ceremonies such as the Mountain Way Chant, Eagle Way, Beauty Way and Windway ceremonies.
- H. In 1918, Pete Price (Hastiin Tséłbáí, Hastiin Łitso) represented the Navajo Nation by greeting King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium when they stopped in Gallup, New Mexico. He gifted them a finely woven Navajo blanket. King Albert, in turn, pinned silver medals off this coat onto Hastiin Tséłbáí's shirt. The Navajo Times, October 15, 2021, Stephen C. Jett, Pete Price Navajo Medicineman (1868-1951): A Brief Biography.
- I. Pete Price (Hastiin Tséłbáí, Hastiin Łitso) led the dedication of the original Fort Defiance Hospital in 1938 by performing a House Blessing Ceremony. After the singing of the House Blessing Songs, each room of the new facility was blessed with white cornmeal. Stephen C. Jett, Pete Price Navajo Medicineman (1868-1951): A Brief Biography.
- J. He was a great spiritual leader Hodiyyinii Nat'aanii who must not be forgotten.
- K. Resolution No. FDC-2020-03-08-05 of the Fort Defiance Chapter, Navajo Nation, requesting "to change the road name on N110 from Kit Carson Road to Pete Price aka Hastiin Łitso" is attached as Exhibit A.
- L. The Navajo Nation believes the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, Division of Transportation would agree that it is demeaning and uncaring to name a road on which Navajo Nation citizens travel every day for Kit Carson, an individual that history shows treated Navajo people with brutality and cruelty. No road on the Navajo Nation should carry his name. Instead the road should be named for Pete Price (Hastiin Tséłbáí, Hastiin Łitso), a respected Navajo medicineman, who demonstrated his love for the Navajo people by practicing and preserving Navajo traditional ceremonies.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. The Navajo Nation hereby respectfully requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, Division of Transportation remove the name of Kit Carson from Navajo Route N110.
- B. The Navajo Nation hereby further respectfully requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Navajo Region, Division of Transportation name Navajo Route N110 for Pete Price also known as Hastiin Tséibáí and Hastiin Łitso.

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Naabik'iyáti' Committee of the 24th Navajo Nation Council at a duly called meeting in Window Rock, Navajo Nation (Arizona), at which a quorum was present and that the same was passed by a vote of 17 in Favor, and 01 Opposed, on this 9th day of June 2022.


Honorable Seth Damon, Chairman
Naabik'iyáti' Committee

6.10.22
Date

Motion: Honorable Vince R. James
Second: Honorable Pernell Halona

Chairman Seth Damon not voting



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**RESOLUTION OF THE FORT DEFIANCE CHAPTER
 NAVAJO NATION**

FDC-2020-03-08-05

REQUESTING THE RESOURCE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE OF THE NAVAJO NATION COUNCIL, NAVAJO DIVISION OF TRANSPORTATION (NDOT) AND THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) ROADS DEPARTMENT TO CHANGE THE ROAD NAME ON N110 FROM KIT CARSON ROAD TO PETE PRICE AKA HASTIIN LITSO.

WHEREAS:

1. Pursuant to 26 N. N. C, Section 3 (A) the Fort Defiance Chapter is a duly recognized Chapter of the Navajo Nation Government, as listed at II N. N. C., part 1, Section 10; and
2. The Resource & Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council has the oversight authority to recommend changes to existing roads; and
3. The Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) has the responsibility and authority to identify and make changes on all roads within the Navajo Nation road inventory; and
4. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads Department has the responsibility to maintain all roads and as recommended by NDOT and RDC, and is responsible to consent to name change on all BIA roads; and
5. The Fort Defiance community is well-known for the establishment of a military post in the 1800's and where our Navajo people surrendered and sent on a long walk to Fort Sumner, NM; and
6. The Kit Carson road is located within the Fort Defiance community which starts from intersection of N12 and N110 for approximately 2.0 miles to end of pavement toward Blue Canyon; and
7. The Fort Defiance community is aware of the history of what Kit Carson has done to our Navajo people in the early 1860's, which lead to the long walk; and
8. The Fort Defiance community has identified the late Pete Price a well-known person from the community that will best fit the name change and the chapter will name the road as Pete Price road.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Fort Defiance Chapter hereby requests the Resources & Development Committee of the Navajo Nation Council, Navajo Division of Transportation (NDOT) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads Department to change the road name on N110 from Kit Carson road to Pete Price AKA Hastiin Litso.

CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly considered by the Fort Defiance Chapter at a duly called meeting in (Navajo Nation), Arizona at which a quorum was present and that same was passed by a vote of 25 In favor, 0 opposed and 4 abstained on this 8th day of March, 2020

Motioned By: Timothy Begay

Seconded By: Genevieve Jackson

Daniel Yazza
 Daniel Yazza, President

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Naa'bik'iyati' Committee Regular Meeting

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CONSENT AGENDA: Item A.

PASSED

MOT James, V

-Legislations: 0062-22,0097-22,

SEC Halona, P

0040-22, 0074-22, 0083-22,

0088-22, & 0090-22

Yeas : 17

Nays : 1

Excused : 3

Not Voting : 2

Yea : 17

Begay, K

Daniels

James, V

Tso, O

Begay, P

Freeland, M

Slater, C

Walker, T

Brown

Halona, P

Tso, D

Wauneka, E

Charles-Newton

Henio, J

Tso, E

Yellowhair

Crotty

Nay : 1

Smith

Excused : 3

Stewart, W

Tso, C

Nez, R

Not Voting : 2

Yazzie

Begay, E

Presiding Speaker: Damon